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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

**TYPE OF DECLARATION**

This declaration is for an original application.

**INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION**

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**TITLE OF INVENTION**

COMPOSITE METAL FOAM DAMPING/REINFORCEMENT STRUCTURE

**SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION**

The specification is attached hereto.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56, and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent.

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60/398,411	July 25, 2002

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A. Patent Application No.(s)

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By: Inventors

**ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION**

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and which is found in (37 C.F.R. Section 3.21) U.S. provisional application naming the above inventors for the above-entitled invention

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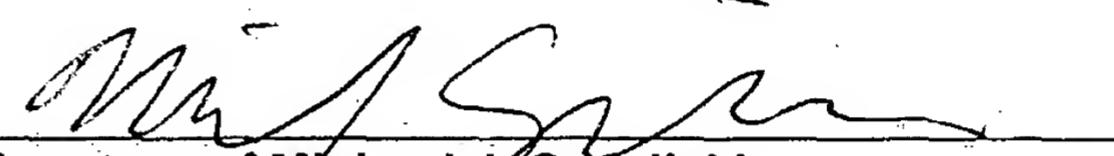
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Date: 11/15/02

  
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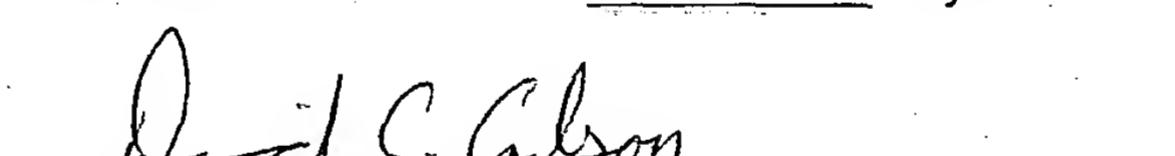
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Before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 2002, personally appeared the above named individual, to me known to be the person described in, and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same of her own free will for the purpose therein expressed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set hand and seal this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2002.

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